

Right Whale Ship Strike Reduction

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**presented to Ship Strike Committee
of the NEIT**



Ongoing Process

- **working group** – convened January 2002 via conference call & meetings in Silver Spring
- **Russell Report (Aug 2001) used as baseline**
- **Russell & addt'l options considered** – pros & cons for each option
- **supporting documentation being developed**
- **all options remain under consideration** – possible package submission late 2002

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Strategy

- **mgt measures defined by area (3 regions) and time periods**
- **tightly defined geographically & temporally**
- **right whales only**
- **applicable to vessels ≥ 65 ft**
- **partner with Coast Guard**

What Vessels $\geq 65'$?

- tug & tow
- whale watch
- small passenger (party & head boats)
- F/Vs $\geq 65'$
- recreational $\geq 65'$

Management Areas

- *Northeast* – Maine to Cape Cod
 - Gulf of Maine
 - Off Race Point
 - Cape Cod Bay
 - Great South Channel

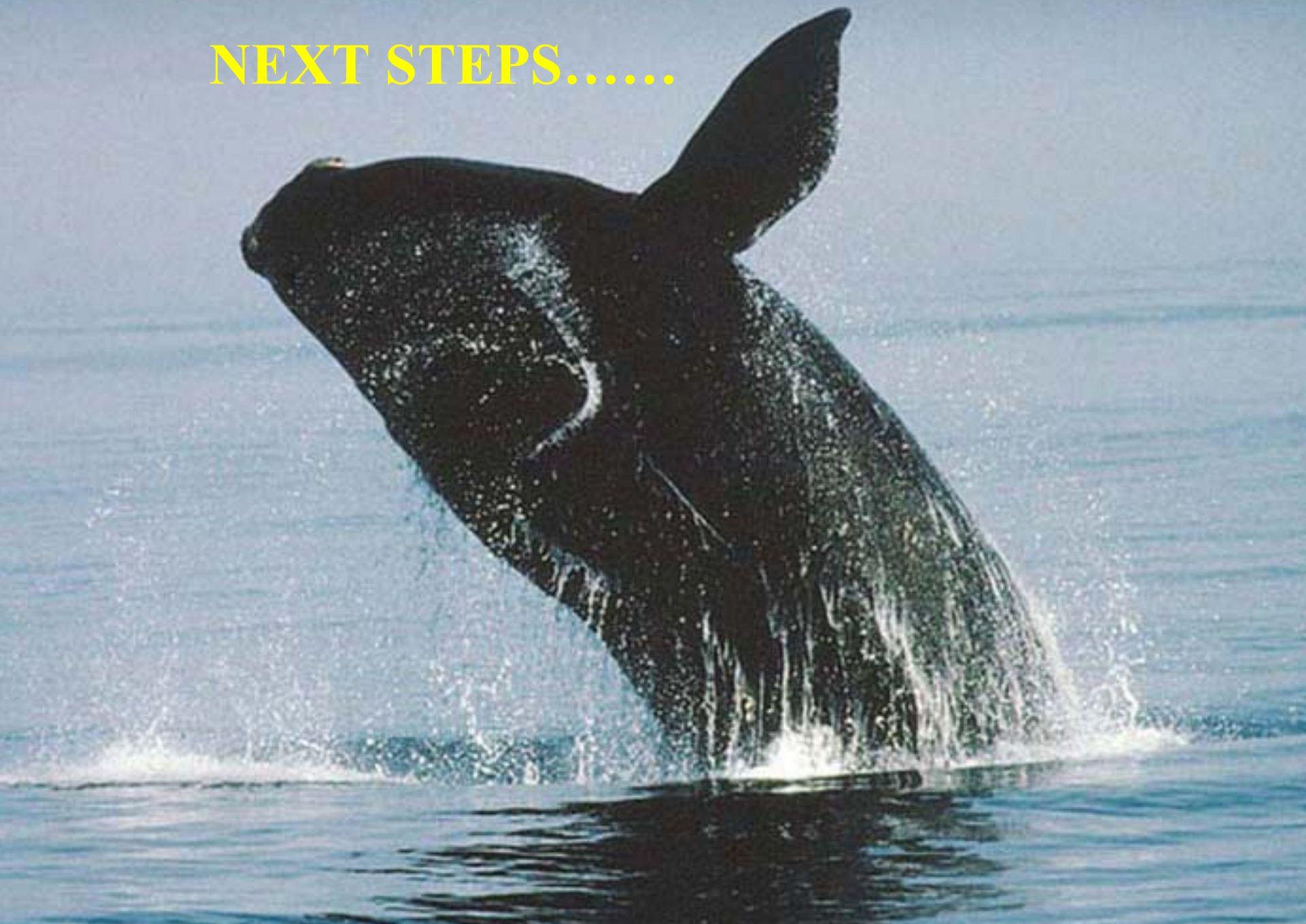
Management Areas - cont'd.

- *Mid- Atlantic* – Rhode Island to Georgia
- *Southeast*– Georgia to Port Canaveral, FL

Management Measures

- **Russell report**
 - **routing**
 - **Mandatory traffic lanes**
 - **ATBAs**
 - **speed restrictions**
 - **dynamic management**
 - **seasonal management**
- **measures- data supported to maximum extent possible**

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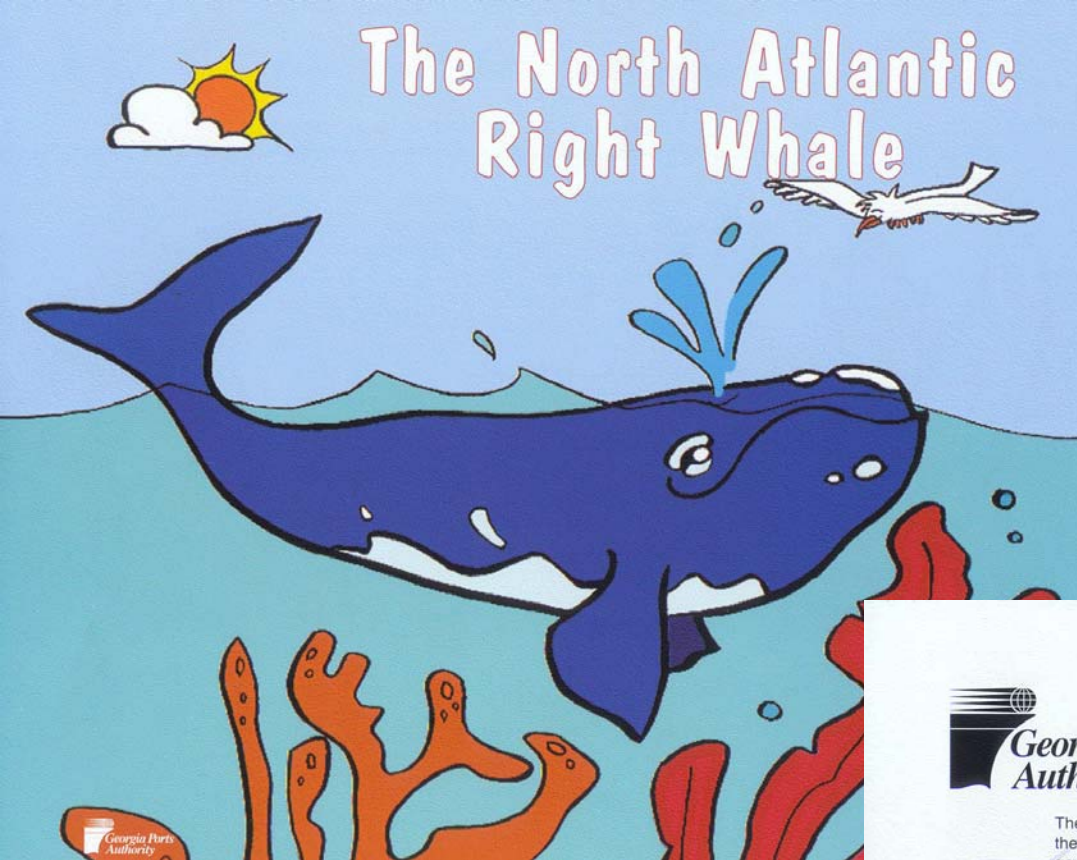
- **supporting documentation**
 - sightings data
 - vessel data(sm passenger, recreational, fishing vessel,etc.)
 - shipping traffic (MSR, other)
 - technical papers (speed, tech approaches,dynamic mgt.,etc)
- **economic analyses & risk assessment (WHOI & FMRI)**
 - refined economics
 - dislocation costs
 - secondary or trickle down impacts

NEXT STEPS – cont'd

- **identify regulatory gaps**
 - **draft legislation to provide authority**
 - **draft regulations**
- **develop enforcement strategy**
 - **resources - \$ & people**
 - **CG & NOAA Fisheries & SBNMS?**

NEXT STEPS – cont'd

- **PARS, NEPA, Section 7s**
 - **Port Access Route Studies – Coast Guard**
 - **NEPA analysis – CG with NOAA?**
 - **Section 7 consultations – Navy, MARAD, Military Sealift, NOAA**
- **IMO**
 - **Draft IMO package – NOAA &CG**
 - **IMO timeline**
- **outreach & education**
 - **pilots, agents, dispatchers,etc**
 - **public**
 - **recreational sector**



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For more information on The North Atlantic Right Whale recovery efforts, access the Georgia Department of Natural Resources web site at www.georgiawildlife.com and go to the nongame-endangered wildlife section and look under wildlife management, or contact:

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